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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroyuki TANAKA, et al.

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For: **CROSSLINKABLE ELASTOMER COMPOSITION AND MOLDED ARTICLE
PRODUCED FROM SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and following entry of the Article 34 Amendment, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A crosslinkable elastomer composition which comprises a crosslinkable elastomer component and a metal oxide filler containing a silicon oxide filler in an amount of not less than 60% by weight; said silicon oxide filler has a content of impurity metals other than silicon of not more than 100 ppm which is measured under the following conditions:
 - (i) the silicon oxide filler is dispersed and dissolved in 50% hydrofluoric acid and is diluted with ultrapure water; and